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boats to carts for transport from Mylapore to Periyamet or Elephant Gate wharf for want of sufficient depth of water in the said length of the Buckingham canal ; and

(e) whether the Government have taken any practical steps for deepening the canal with reference to the assurance given by the then Law Member during the Budget debates on 18th March 1926 ?

A.—(a) The capital outlay on the scheme up to end of March 1928 is as follows :—

	RS.
(1) Tools and plant	459
(2) Establishment	25
(3) Other items	25,702
Total ...	26,186

(b) Yes.

(c) & (e) The question of improvements to the Buckingham canal was considered separately and an estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,92,000, was sanctioned in January last for deepening the Junction canal (portion of the canal from St. Mary's bridge to the Adyar river) and the South canal (from the Adyar river southwards to Merkanam). A sum of Rs. 62,700 has also been provided for expenditure on this work in the current year.

(d) It was to meet such complaints that the expenditure referred to in the answer to clauses (c) and (e) was sanctioned.

Irrigation

Investigation into the Tungabhadra project.

* 120 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in regard to the Tungabhadra project—

(a) when the Special Executive Engineer and his staff were appointed and when they exactly began work ; and

(b) what further work of investigation has been carried on by them since that date ?

A.—(a) Orders sanctioning the constitution of the special investigation division were issued on 29th March 1928. Mr. Ireland, the Executive Engineer appointed to the division, joined on 30th April 1928.

(b) His report [a] showing the progress made is laid on the table.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member, with reference to the last sentence of the appendix, whether the Government are prepared to go on with the investigation of suspended schemes in so far as the Engineer does not hold out hopes of a very large scheme, so far as Tungabhadra is concerned ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 310-312 infra.